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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Mulpuri, S

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER FORMED BY SELECTIVE DEPOSITION AND
METHOD FOR DEPOSITING SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

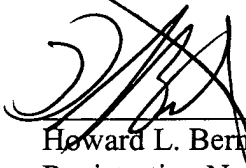
In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, in which the Examiner has required an election of species, Applicant responds by electing Species B, claims 27-39.

Applicant notes that in the Election requirement, the Examiner refers to an "LED". This term, which is not used in the subject application, is ordinarily used to refer to a "light emitting diode". However, the claimed invention is directed to a "light emitting device" and is not limited to a light emitting diode. Among the light emitting devices that are within the scope of the claimed light emitting devices are semiconductor lasers. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner not use an abbreviation without an explicit definition of that abbreviation so as to avoid ambiguities in interpretation.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/958,385

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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